

PEEL WEEKLY NEWS

MISSISSAUGA | BRAMPTON | CALEDON

Week of July 4, 2019



Dignitaries and organizers pose for the crowd during a massive cake-cutting ceremony during the annual Port Credit 'Paint the Town Red' Canada Day Festival on Monday. The event was one of many Canada Day festivals held throughout the region, including events in Brampton, Caledon, Churchill Meadows, Malton, Mississauga City Centre. (PWN Staff Photo)

Canada Day may have passed, but the summer season is in full swing! Look inside this week's issue for photos from Canada Day events and festivals held throughout Peel Region, and stay tuned to Peel Weekly News for more coverage of local news, business, sports and lifestyle events happening in your area.

The next regular edition of Peel Weekly News will be distributed on Thursday, July 11. Thank you for your continuing support, and your continued readership!

- PWN Staff



FREE EVENT

**AUGUST
16-17**

2019

FRI 5-11 PM | SAT 12-11 PM

CELEBRATION SQUARE
300 CITY CENTRE DR., MISSISSAUGA

FEATURING

HEADLINE PERFORMANCE BY *I DIK DIK* • Z1035 LIVE REMOTE & DANCE PARTY • FOOD VENDORS • COOKING DEMONSTRATIONS • PASTA & WATERMELON EATING CONTESTS • BOCCE & SCOPA TOURNAMENTS • SOCCER CHALLENGES • HERITAGE CENTRE • EXHIBITORS, RETAILERS & CRAFTERS • AWARDS PRESENTATIONS • FAMILY ZONE • CHILDRENS' ACTIVITIES • NON-STOP MUSIC, ENTERTAINMENT & MORE!



MISSISSAUGAITALFEST.COM



Brampton Celebrates Canada Day



Photos Courtesy of Brampton Library/City of Brampton

Get your Peel Weekly News **WEEKLY** subscribe at www.PeelDailyNews.com

Canada Day in Caledon



Submitted/PWN Staff Photos

Get your Peel Weekly News **WEEKLY** subscribe at www.PeelDailyNews.com

Red and White Festivities in Mississauga



Photos Courtesy of Malton BIA/PWN Staff Photos

Get your Peel Weekly News **WEEKLY** subscribe at www.PeelDailyNews.com

Fundraiser helps children's aid foundation



More than 300 guests and dignitaries came together last week to make a difference in the lives of children across the region during the 15th annual Starrs on the Credit fundraiser, held at Mississauga Councillor Ron Starr's property in Mississauga.

The annual event saw guests enjoy food from 11 different restaurants in the city, along with a variety of activities including live entertainment from local crooners The Dreamboats, live and silent auctions, dancing demonstrations and much more.

The event raised approximately \$205,000 for the Peel Children's Aid Foundation, which supports programs and services that help at-risk and vulnerable youth throughout Peel Region. The raised amount is the largest in the event's history, with past fundraising activities initiatives such as ErinoakKids, the Alzheimer Society of Peel, Trillium Health Partners and more.

(PWN Staff Photo)

Living Arts Centre finds new owner in city

One of Mississauga's premier arts facilities has a new landlord.

Councillors in Mississauga voted Wednesday to end a longstanding relationship with the Living Arts Centre, and will take over the management and operations of the facility at the end of the year.

The motion comes a few weeks after the facility, which is located in the city's downtown core, launched its 2019/20 season amid outgoing director Natalie Lue's final day at work before moving to Vancouver.

The motion passed 9-1, and will see city staff work alongside the facility's current board to facilitate the transition to full ownership by the city over the next six months.

In a statement, Mississauga Mayor Bonnie Crombie said that the motion is intended to help "unlock the true potential" of the centre,

as part of a push to establish the city as a music destination.

"In addition to their cultural significance, creative industries are an important driver of economic growth and employment. It's important the City of Mississauga has the ability to strategically leverage City assets, including the (LAC), so that we can take our creative industries to the next level and grow it in a way that drives investment, creates jobs and ultimately

puts Mississauga on the map as a 'Music City,'" said Crombie, who thanked the volunteer board members, both past and present, who work at the centre.

Having opened in 1997, the centre was owned by the city and operated as a non-profit charitable organization. The site currently boasts more than 225,000 square feet of space, and serves as a central meeting space that hosts major concerts, festivals, trade shows and other events.



There's no opting out of Canada Day

by Catherine Sople

In 1967, Canada celebrated its centenary.

Ontario's Robarts government held its first Canada Day celebrations on the Queen's Park legislature grounds. To be sure, it was facing an election that year.

However, the PC government was confident that its seventh election would continue as its eighth government. (It was not disappointed. A majority PC government was returned in the Oct. 1967 election.)

In many respects, Canada was depicted on the world stage as a young and exuberant nation, embracing the future with Expo '67 in Montreal.

In 1967, the Ontario PC government had done its homework. Social infrastructure met its partnership obligations to serve the needs of post-war "Baby Boomer" generations.

Under the minority Liberal federal government of Lester B. Pearson, Canada set its course for universal health care, student loans, the Canada Pension Plan, the Order of Canada, and the Maple Leaf flag.

Canada's armed forces were unified, the Royal Commission on Bilingualism and Biculturalism was convened, capital punishment was effectively abolished and Canada was kept

out of the Vietnam War.

In 1967 in Ontario, the incumbent Ontario PCs matched the tone of the federal government.

A decade of progressive expansion in public education included launching of the Ontario Scholar fund for high school students graduating with an A average; 1967 saw creation and facilities build of the colleges systems; five new universities were constructed; the Ontario Science Centre and Ontario Place were opened; television network TVO moved on-air; GO Transit commuter rail system rolled out; and nuclear power was introduced to Ontario's electricity grid.

The tradition of Canada Day celebrations at Queen's Park was busted in 2019, on pecuniary grounds.

"Attendance is down," pronounced the government.

In lip service to per person cost, the government obviated its role to engineer its deficit math.

In truth, when the 2018 PCPO government elected on June 7, 2018 arbitrarily assumed its mantle.

For its June 29 swearing-in ceremonies, it contrived set up, tear down, and again set up for July 1,

The 2018 Canada Day celebrations were established some months in advance by the outgoing government.

An exhausted polity, uncertain of a rewarding civic engagement at the end of a problematic commute into Queen's Park - either by car or by transit - simply made other plans.

The one-off disruption did not a pattern make.

The Ontario government's

decision for 2019 discounts the will of communities on the ground to persist in celebrating our connections as Canadians. Despite the perils of discord and diversity, as neighbours we seek the inclusion and unity of our kanata village in community.

In defiance of the government, third-party MPP Mitzie Hunter hosted her ad hoc Canada Day celebration at Queen's Park legislature

grounds, on short notice and in compliance with established protocol.

In Peel Region, celebrations across the constituent municipalities of Brampton, Caledon and Mississauga were organized in municipal Council locations, and also in major underpinning heritage nodes where service groups such as Rotary and Royal Canadian Legion lend a facility footprint for the public events.

In Mississauga, Mayor Bonnie Crombie conducted a citizenship reaffirmation ceremony in Mississauga Council Chambers.

While the colonializing statement can benefit from an update, for now its core values are relevant: "I reaffirm that I will be faithful, and bear true allegiance to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Second, Queen of Canada, Her Heirs and Successors; and that I will faithfully observe the laws of Canada and fulfil my duties as a Canadian citizen."

Duties as a Canadian citizen may not always be defined, but are somehow encompassed by the notion that we as Canadians have an interest and acceptance in 'the other'.

Our need to connect in public space placed thousands on the

ground in Mississauga to attend: Malton Canada Day Celebration; Port Credit Paint the Town Red; Streetsville Canada Day Celebration; Churchill Meadows Canada Day Together Festival; and Living Arts Centre Canada Day Celebrations.

Counterparts in Brampton showed up in Chinguacousy Park, at Brampton Fairgrounds for the fourth annual Canada Day Mela and Truck Show, at Caledon Fairgrounds to celebrate the annual Strawberry festival.

The government in 2019 needs to understand that a community that is kind, inclusive and generous is not also thereby easily placated and peaceable. We are not stupid.

At Brampton Fairgrounds on June 29, the call to create the largest human maple leaf was answered by thousands. The sky was high blue, the clouds were few, the Canada flag extended proudly in a stiff wind.

Like always, the face of Canada is perpetually evolving - Like always, our Canada has an eye on the future.

Like always, despite the disparity and the divide - the community will find common ground, to which the upper crust must pay heed.



Get your Peel Weekly News **WEEKLY** subscribe at www.PeelDailyNews.com

Coming soon

PEEL WEEKLY NEWS

MISSISSAUGA | BRAMPTON | CALEDON

Streaming Radio **24/ 7**

The Voice of Mississauga

theHazeFM.ca

The Voice of Brampton

4Corners Radio.ca

Music, News / Sports

Music from the 60's through today

Local News & Sports

LISTEN LIVE MISSISSAUGA

**LISTEN LIVE BRAMPTON &
CALEDON**

"Click here"

LISTEN LIVE



"Click here"

LISTEN LIVE

